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Christmas wipes out the last footprint of the late campaign.

So far not a single reason has been advanced why Senator Cullom should not succeed himself.

It is said that Cullom is leaning to get type. This is an accomplishment that every hobo ought to master.

Speaker Sherman seems to have a sure thing on his re-election to that position. His success will satisfy the people.

The death of Wileott of Massachusetts will reduce the number of electoral votes which will be cast for McKinley in the electoral college.

This has become a two-million-dollar country now enough. Our imports and exports combined will reach this year a total of \$2,500,000,000.

Some one should suggest to the Panama canal lobby in Washington that if it is a good thing the promoters ought to go ahead and build it.

Foreign governments maintain their merchant marine by subsidies and there is no good reason why Uncle Sam should not protect and build up his marine to the same way.

The president has very promptly transmitted the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to Great Britain and there is some hope that the amended treaty will be acceptable to Great Britain.

The removal of Col. Geo. H. Gardner, district attorney for New York by Gov. Roosevelt, has caused a panic among the divvisees in that city who have been protected by the immunity administration.

Perhaps House was not injured at West Point in the boxing he got sufficiently to destroy his health and cause his death but enough has been developed to cause the government to put an embargo on boxing for all time.

The New Indians are demanding citizenship. Four of them are now in Washington pressing the claims of the tribe, but so far William Jennings Bryan has shown no disposition to plead for these Modern Washingtons.

The chances are that Macon county will line up in the next opportunity with the Warren district. This will satisfy the republicans of Macon county. They have faith in Warren and none of our statesmen aspire to congressional honors.

The Hyattsville are not disposed to concede Cleveland's right to speak for the democratic party. They are under the impression that he doesn't talk right. The difference between them is that Grover wants the democrats to back out while they want to lie their way out.

Ex-President Harrison has emphatically denied the statement imputed to him in his address at Ann Arbor, Mich., in referring to our new possessions. Among other things he said in his denial was that he has never been accused of not making himself understood in an address and in this case he was certainly willfully misrepresented.

As was expected every state that loses representation under the congressional reapportionment bill is objecting to the bill. It is clear to every patriotic citizen the membership in the house of representatives cannot be increased to keep pace with the increase in population because in a little while that body would become so unwieldy as to be useless if not dangerous. Now is as good a time as any to begin the work of keeping the house membership down near where it is. Those states which make no gains in population must submit to reduction of their delegation. This is a serious problem which we confront and it is best that we should be logical and meet it like men and patriots.

COMMERCIAL IN THIS CENTURY.

One hundred years ago, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat, the world's population was estimated at 640,000,000, and now the total is placed at 1,500,000,000. But the increase in commerce is immensely greater in proportion. The world's interchange of products was valued at \$1,500,000,000 in 1800 and is now not less than \$20,000,000,000. Railroad steamships and electric communication, all introduced during this century, have worked the change. The per capita

of commerce in 1800 was \$2.31; now it is \$12.27. Submarine cables transmit 6,000,000 messages a year. The world's yield of gold from 1800 to 1893 averaged but \$17,000,000 a year. Last year gold worth \$307,000,000 was mined and added to the wealth of mankind. This year the United States transmits more than one-fourth of the world's foreign trade; it mines one-fourth of the gold; its railroad enterprise is far ahead of any other nation. Its agricultural surplus is the largest, its agricultural machinery the best, its mineral development the greatest, and its prosperity transcends that of any other country.

The extension of commerce has been made possible by the improvement of the means of transportation. The shipping of the world has increased fifteen fold since the beginning of the century. Railroads, unknown a hundred years ago now cover 442,000 miles; telegraphs, another modern invention, embrace 333,070 miles; and submarine cables 116,000 miles. Upon this wonderful commercial base the world is about to begin a new century. It is no surprise to find the American people earnestly interested in ship canals and the deepening of the Mississippi, the great inland artery of North America. Commerce has been placed where it enjoys the greatly bettered facilities for intercommunication. The advancement of the future is clearly dependent upon the activity of fresh enterprise in the same direction.

Has Gone to Kansas.

J. L. Thayer and family will leave today for Eldorado, Kansas, where they will make their future home. Mr. Thayer has lived in this city for the past ten or twelve years and during that time he has been prominently identified with the growth and development of the city. Before coming here he was a resident of Multnomah county. There he served for eight years as chairman of the republican county central committee during the Blaine and Harrison campaigns. Although Multnomah county is widely democratic the results of Mr. Thayer's work was shown in the reduced majority of the party. Since coming to Decatur he has been one of the most active republicans and the party never called on him for service that he did not respond heartily. He represented the third ward for two years in the city council and proved to be an efficient alderman. During his residence in this city he was engaged in the manufacturing business for a time but afterward he turned his attention to the stock business with which he is perfectly familiar and which business he will follow in his new home. He has a ranch near Eldorado of 1420 acres. His Decatur friends can commend him to the citizens of that place and at the same time wish him unbounded success.

Marrriage Licenses.

James E. Chasley, Miam.	20
Hertha A. Nibbler, Dalton City.	18
John Beck, Miam.	25
Anna Thompson, Dalton City.	18
Tuller H. Mille, Decatur.	19
Myrtle M. Strader, Decatur.	19
Walter M. Gluts, Chicago.	20
Lillie B. Mitchell, Decatur.	27
Clarence L. Smallwood, Marion.	21
Frankie Wyckoff, Marion.	21
Albert H. Wyckoff, Whitmore.	20
Lillie T. Sullivan, Whitmore.	17
Wm. Myer, Decatur.	25
Arminia Lucas, Decatur.	23
Myrna W. Cross, Blue Mound.	24
Clara L. Hartwig, Harrison.	20
Charles H. Huff, Decatur.	21
Alma B. Smith, Decatur.	21
James M. Barnes, Decatur.	22
Mary E. Hilbert, Decatur.	22
Francis G. Bitter, Orem.	21
Lola M. Crothers, Orem.	18
Lewis L. McConnell, Decatur.	23
Lenora Barnes, Decatur.	20
Sella A. Clatterbuck, Randolph Neb.	30
Katharine K. Dabrow, Warrensburg.	30
Edna L. Nicholson, Decatur.	24
Kila M. Davis, Decatur.	24

Sunday School Officers.

Several Sunday schools elected officers Sunday. Those chosen at Wesley follow: Superintendent—R. C. Augustus. First Assistant Superintendent—J. G. Elliot. Second Assistant—W. A. Prescott. Secretary—J. W. Reave. Treasurer—Alma M. Johnson. Librarian—Roy Webster. Organist—Milton Johnson, Jr. Organist—Myrtle Graham. Primary Organist—Grace Pope. Primary Superintendent—Miss Ellen, both Whitehurst.

EDWARD STREET ORPHAN.

The Sunday school elected the following officers: Superintendent—J. H. Patterson. Assistant Superintendent—A. F. Ross. Secretary—Alma Mae Cobb. Treasurer—Mrs. Emily Hennes. Pianist—Miss Carrie Burke.

Many Turkeys.

The poultry shippers and the grocers generally say that the demand for turkeys for Christmas dinner was greater than in Thanksgiving time. That holiday is generally the great turkey day but this year the rule did not hold good. One grocer who thought he was doing a good business in turkeys on Thanksgiving sold thirty, sold 100 for his Christmas trade.

State G. A. R. Committee.

Joel M. Longenecker, commander of the department of Illinois Grand Army of the Republic has called a meeting of the executive committee at Peoria, Jan. 17, to arrange for the next annual convocation of that organization, which will be held in Peoria next.

Bible School.

Rev. J. C. Osgill will start a bible school at the Tabernacle on watch night at 7:30. The class will meet on Monday nights for a systematic study of the bible.

GATHERING DATA

Engineer Loring Getting Figures for Estimates on Cerro Gordo Paving.

PETITION HAS BEEN FILED

Property Owners Ask for Concrete Combination Curb and Gutter, the Latter Eighteen Inches Wide.

THE ORDINANCE READY IN JANUARY

The improvement of Cerro Gordo streets, by repaving will be one of the most important things in the way of public work to be undertaken in this city during the coming year and the property owners who have been investigating street paving in its various forms have finally determined just what they want.

After visiting Chicago and Champaign and investigating various styles of curbing and guttering they have decided that they will ask for a reinforced curb with a combination curb and gutter of concrete. The curb will be six inches high at the gutter line and the concrete gutter will be eighteen inches in width. This will be the first time that style of gutter and curb has been used in Decatur. In other cities it has been tried and has given satisfaction and is said to wear as well as any other kind of curbing. There is perhaps some difference of opinion on the score of wear but no one disputes the fact that the combination curb and gutter is the most showy of all the styles under consideration. The petition for the improvement of the street has been presented to the board of local improvements. City Engineer G. V. Loring was busy yesterday working on Cerro Gordo street, getting the data necessary for the ordinance which must be presented when the board considers the petition for the improvement. Last night Engineer Loring said that he had nothing but his notes and it would be several days before he would be able to give any information as to the probable cost of the work.

The citizens committee which has been working in the interest of the property owners expect to have the work pushed so rapidly that the ordinance for the improvement will come before the council by the middle of January.

THE RAILROAD Y. M. C. A.

Five Christmas Dinner to Be Spread Today.

Secretary S. D. Adkins of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. has made preparations for Christmas dinner for the members and the patrons of the R. R. Association that will cause them to long remember the day with pleasant feelings. The best part of the whole thing is that the dinner is free to the members of the Association. The work of the railroad men makes it impossible for some of them to get home for their Christmas dinner and Secretary Adkins appreciating the situation, has provided the meal so that the railroad men will not be compelled to do without their Christmas dinner. The following is the menu:

Soup	Oxtail
Relishes	
Olives	Pickles
Hot Beef with Apple Sauce	Celery
Roast Turkey (like the above) with-Oyster Dressing and Cranberry Sauce	
Mashed Potatoes	Sweet Corn
Sweet Potatoes	Cream Boats
Gravy	
Minced and Pumpkin Pie	Cake
Suet Pudding	

FIREMEN BUSY.

Answered Alarms But the Fires Are Small.

Sunday night and Monday morning the fire department answered four calls but in no case was there any considerable damage by fire.

Monday forenoon there was an alarm from the Leese candy store on East Eldorado street. There was practically no fire.

At 10 o'clock an alarm came from the residence of Alderman Shilling on North Main street. The house was filled with smoke from burning pine. This smoke came from the furnace registers and had not yet been thoroughly explained. There was no fire discovered.

Monday night a disappointed alarm came from the O'Brien restaurant on North Water street burned the wall paper and filled the room with smoke but did little damage.

Monday forenoon the department was called to 327 North Broadway where a small blaze required the services of two chemical engines.

Saw a Good Fight.

Some of the natives of North Park street are telling about an interesting fight that took place on that street about 7 o'clock Saturday night. Both the fighters are good citizens and counted as orderly men, but it appears that they both allowed their tempers to get the better of them on that occasion and by agreement they walked out in the middle of the street and gave a demonstration of the fight that was as good as seen in many of boxing shows.

The two men sparred around for about ten minutes and then as neither of them had received a scratch they agreed to quit with the mutual understanding that they were both pretty good men. The fight got pretty fast for a while but notwithstanding that the milling was speedy, at the close neither of the men showed a mark from the battle.

Growing.

There were three young ladies with the Tabernacle Orchestra church last Sunday night and there were eight additions to the Sunday before.

Remember the poor.

Only one more week of the sixteenth century.

WERE NOT GAMBLING.

Men Arrested Saturday Night Were in Friendly Game.

The crowd of nine men arrested in a room over the Meriwether saloon Saturday night pleaded guilty to charges of disorderly conduct before Justice Hardy yesterday and were each fined \$5 and costs. It appears that the officers expected to find a game of chance in progress when they pulled the room, but on entering the room there were none of the evidences of a gambling room as the usual furniture and equipment of a gambling room was absent. The crowd was making considerable noise and although it would have been a hard matter to make a gambling charge stick, the men in the crowd seemed willing to pay a fine for disorder rather than go to the expense and disgrace of fighting a gambling charge.

Sam King, J. H. Dennis and Dennis Doolley were the names of three men who had been out with Sam and Jerry Saturday night and in consequence were unable to get home. They paid fines of \$3 and costs to Justice Hardy yesterday as a somewhat nice Christmas celebration. Albert Barnett appeared before Justice O. W. Smith yesterday and swore out a warrant charging Albert Dial with assault with intent to kill. The warrant was given to an officer to serve. Dial evidently failed to carry out his intent as he occurred in a very friendly looking apartment when he appeared in court to swear out the warrant.

AT ST. PATRICK'S.

There Will Be Special Services Today—Four Masses.

At St. Patrick's Catholic church today there will be special services in commemoration of the festival.

The first service will be at 5 o'clock. It will be a high mass conducted by Rev. Father Murphy. The opera house orchestra will assist in the musical program. The second mass will be at 6:30, the third at 8:30 and a second high mass will be celebrated at 10:30. Rev. Murphy will be assisted in the services by a Franciscan father.

At 10:30 in the afternoon there will be a service for the children and as is customary on such occasions, in the sanctuary there will be shown a representation of the manger in which the child Jesus was born, and in the crib will be an image of the child Jesus.

FORMAL INSTALLATION.

Rev. McKenzie, of Chicago, Will Deliver the Sermon.

Rev. Horace L. Strain will be formally installed as the pastor of the First Congregational church on the night of Thursday, January 3. This announcement was made at the close of the services Sunday forenoon.

Rev. McKenzie, pastor of the New England Congregational church of Chicago will be the city to deliver the installation sermon. Rev. McKenzie is the pastor to whom Rev. Strain served as assistant for several years at the New England church and it has been deemed fitting that he be called to preach the installation sermon.

The occasion will be made an auspicious one and the pastors of the other churches of the city and the pastors of the Congregational churches of this vicinity will be invited to attend. The church will be appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Musicians Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of the Musicians Union held Sunday forenoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—W. J. Gilkison. Vice President—L. B. Cassell. Recording Secretary—George Shaffer. Financial Secretary—L. W. Fribourg. Sergeant-at-Arms—Richard Harkeless. Trustees—R. L. Roberts, George Bain, A. E. Hampton. Dr. T. H. Childs was named as the delegate to the Musicians convention of Illinois.

A Record.

Monday there was a new record established in the number of marriage licenses issued. The total number was fourteen. The previous high number for a single day was nine. In addition to the number issued one couple was disappointed. The girl was only 17 years old and the groom had neglected to secure the consent of her father in proper form.

Better.

Joseph Strong who has been seriously ill at his home in Chicago is now reported to be somewhat improved. He is a son of the late Rev. Strong, formerly of Decatur and has many friends among the older residents of this city.

A new needle, which must be a delight to housewives, has been invented in Germany. It has a prolongation behind the eye of smaller diameter than the bore part of the needle, with grooves in it to receive the thread. The object of it is to facilitate the passing of the needle through the holes in buttons, when sewing them on. The thread lies in the grooves, and hence the needle passes much more easily and rapidly.

He Leads a Straggling Life.

John Castlett, of Edwardsville, Pa., is a busy man. Until recently he held office in the town. He was burgess, janitor of the town hall, keeper of the lockup, town clerk, driver of the borough team and street commissioner. The court thought he was entirely too busy, and removed him as burgess, but the other five positions he still fills.

Good Thing for Mariners.

A machine for condensing sea fog into drinking water has been invented.

In restoring hearing to Mrs. Alta H. Rockfeller, Dr. Fuller of Vienna, has performed a seemingly miracle. But perhaps it will be well to wait for confirmatory facts.

The press censor has resumed business in South Africa.

Second Week of Our Great Sale of Travelers' Samples of

PETTICOATS

These Make Very Appropriate Gifts.

Taffeta silk petticoats in cardinal and cerise, worth \$6.50, now \$3.98.	Black Amisilk petticoats with deep accordion founce, ruching and dust ruffle, worth \$3.50, now \$1.98.
Taffeta silk petticoats in cardinal and cerise, with deep accordion founce, worth \$8.50 now \$4.98.	Petticoats made of black sateen, 9-inch pleated founce, ruching and dust ruffle, \$1.75, now \$1.
Black Taffeta silk petticoats with deep accordion founce, with ruching and dust ruffle, worth \$8.50, now \$6.50.	Petticoats made of black leather cloth with Spanish founce, and two ruffles worth \$1.75, now 98c.
Black Taffeta silk petticoats with deep graduated accordion founce, with ruching and dust ruffle, our own make worth \$13.50, \$10.50.	Petticoats made of sateen or crystal silk, 12-inch pleated founce, worth \$1.50, 85c.
Black silk moreen, petticoat with deep graduated accordion founce, with ruching and dust ruffle, our own make, worth \$8.50, now \$6.50.	
Black Amisilk petticoat with deep graduated accordion founce of silk moreen, worth \$4.25, now \$2.08.	
Black Amisilk petticoat with deep accordion founce of silk moreen, worth \$5.98, now \$3.98.	



Ladies' Flannel Night Gowns

Make acceptable and useful presents.

We make them in solid colors, blue or pink, or with trimming of lace at 98c each.

Silks

For One Week

24-inch Silk Crepe de Chine in ten choice shades, Nile, Lavender, Light Blue, Pink, Shrimp Grey, Heliotrope Blue, White and Black. The quality sells everywhere at \$1.00; our sale price 73c yard.

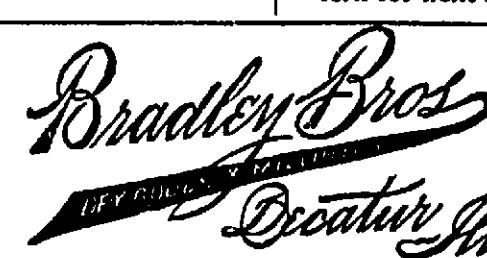
Dress Goods Bargains

One lot Grey Camel's Hair Suitings, 56 inches wide at 59c yard.

Elegant line of Persian patterns in French flannels for ladies' waists.

Silk and wool challies just opened.

Silk dimities just arrived. Select a pattern for next spring.



Holiday Slippers for Men....

The man who buys his own slippers is either a confirmed "bachelor" or he don't allow his wife pin money enough so she can save the price of a pair. Both are n. g.

Go to Folrath's this Christmas.

You can buy a nicer pair there for the price you want to pay than any other place. Splendid assortment—50c to \$2.50.

We'll exchange them, of course, if you don't happen to strike the right size at first.

DAVIS B. FOLRATH,

132 East Main-st.

Overwhelmed the Orators. Prof. Telt, of Edinburgh, after having subdued a lady pianist who annoyed him by taking to the harp, was troubled by an amateur elocutionist in the house. One day, the story goes, when the house was filled with oratory, a volley of explosions came from Telt's room, followed by smoke and unceremonious smells. The lessons in oratory were suspended, and everyone in the house collected to find out what the trouble was. Telt, with unmoved conscience, said to the landlady: "There seems to be no restraint on the nature of the studies pursued in these lodgings, I have begun a series of experiments in high explosives, from which I expect to draw much advantage." The elocution ceased.

Gambling Debts in China. Gambling debts are preeminently debts of honor in China, and they are more willingly and speedily paid than any others. To pay them a Chinaman will pawn all his property, and even sell his children. For doing this he is regarded by the public as a hero.

A Census of Musulmans. The just completed census of the Ottoman government shows the total number of Musulmans to be 196,300,000, of whom 18,000,000 belong to Turkey in Europe, 99,000,000 in Asia Minor, Baluchistan and the India, 30,000,000 to China, 36,500,000 to the north and northeast of Africa, and 23,000,000 spread in groups more or less numerous throughout the other countries of the world.

Deaths Recorded. St. George Paul Sullivan, Assistant on the Berlin Express Int. 27 in black 4. Mortality statistics to Decatur: 5740.

Green Christmas, the weather, man says. Not a date of snow in night. Bright Glass will have to travel on wheels.

The Felted Burglar. The rattling of silver spoons awakened the lady in the dead of night. "Who's there?" she cried, as she leaped over the balustrade and peered down into the darkness. "Who's there, and what are you doing?" The stranger in the dining room replied with startling candor, "Jimmy Dore, me'am, at your service," and gathering as much of the latter as he could, fled hastily—Catholic Standard and Times.

Faring For It. Client—Your fee is exorbitant. It didn't take you a day to do the work. Lawyer—It is my regular fee. I am not charging you for time, but for the cost of my legal education.

Client—Well, give me a receipt for the cost of your education, so the next fellow won't have to pay for it too.—London Vm.

The First Sworn from a Hire is always led by an old negro, the second by the oldest princess, who is often obliged to go in a great hurry owing to her younger sisters emerging from their cells.

Deas—Leading Tailor.

GROWING W.

England Would A General Dewet as C me Gift.

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Is Recognized and Drawn Out Struggles Tiresome.

CHINESE MATTER A

American Commercial Sup Causing Alarm in Eng

London, Dec. 22.—Gen. D to by far the most acceptable to the average Englishman there seems little likelihood being granted. The desire of the general is to be accompanied by a mission of his latest fact.

It would be unworthy of him to say the Times, to tell what is due to fact at arms as the unexpected death of him and his men through the British.

Other papers take the same paring the ride to Spring from the charge of Balaclava. In the charge of the extraordinary played by the Boers on the almost predominates over the the failure of the British effort with their opponents. There up a philosophical indifference capability of the generals in the Reserve have become expect.

TIED OF IT.

Last Christmas society a tiny over plain puddings, and hampers sent to the soldiers of This year they are not mention the public is unceremoniously long drawn out struggle, w interesting features are the w comes of DeWet. This is no the government whose deter to fight it out to the bitter evident from his decision to already huge army in South.

The Musulmans canal al anyone any really deep interest in thoroughly understood Britain will take no action future, and Chinese negotiat guarded more in the light of a tance than a serious problem the abar d misunderstanding arisen between the powers the.

ENJOY IT.

The only quarter in London performance is thoroughly of the Chinese legation, in wh Chen Lo Yang Luh, minister is mounting a secluded fo: and is reported to be in a st paternal chuckle over the celebration.

More the question of the American commercial riva throughout the week, has b the basis for long and anal in the Daily Express and written by engineering and with detailed recite of re the United States under the "Wake Up England!" Why W behind," etc. reiterating manufacturers' lack initiati abroad in their conservatism.

The announcement that the does not consider itself be Paris-Venueville commission arding the Anglo-Dutch fro regarded by the foreign offic any importance or as likely basis for international fr Dutch boundary is competitive matter on which the culcu been engaged for some time. leads minister's action is re step toward offering a coult however, Great Britain has played.

The decision of the queen's declaring it to be illegal fo school board to spend the money for teaching science evening classes for adult pervention. Some 90,000 affected, and the whole of I national system must be re house of lord upholds the ve.


ADMIRE OUR GENE

At the conference of the of the great public schools of the speakers severely irritating educational metho were found to employ in oer boys as officers into the sery tary correspond to the Gambia, criticizing the R. Woolton, admiral of the West, authorities admit that West of Africa is a puzzle in Eng towards of two years a Spectator, Americans were the the dismissal of President Brown's university, as to draw a lengthy parallel of Prof. Ross of the Yale University, is no doing, holds to the claim that power endowing institutions learning is entirely fatal to of a university, and rem wealth of American universi generosity of American po splendid, but says no dubt. questions in addition to fr freedom, and add: A ceal atmosphere as a new level universities. We must re and Cambridge pour sed fr and checked. If a few trust are to have their say accou not be reached in time, at American universities. It a thing were America with her life, to permit any kind of tyranny to take the head in

PAY WHEN CURED

DR. ARTHUR,

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visits the following hotel parlors every 28 days, where consultation is free, confidential and invited. The next dates are:

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If impossible to call, write for testimonials, question blank, etc., to

ARTHUR MEDICAL DISPENSARY,
O. Drawer No. 67, Chicago, Ill.

SOMETHING TO APPRECIATE

is the Work of the British Doctors at No. 358 North Main St. These Eminent Gentlemen are giving Their Services Entirely Free for Three Months to Invalids Who Call Upon Them Before January 12th.

A staff of eminent physicians and surgeons from the British Medical Institute have at the earnest solicitation of a large number of patients under their treatment in Decatur, decided to establish in this city a permanent branch of the institute at No. 358 North Main St. (four doors north of postoffice).

These eminent gentlemen have decided to give their services entirely free for three months (exceptions excepted) to all invalids who call upon them for treatment between now and Jan. 12. These services consist not only of consultation, examination and advice, but also of all minor surgical operations.

The object in pursuing this course is to become rapidly and personally acquainted with the sick and afflicted and under no condition whatever will any charge be made for any services rendered for three months, to all who call before January 12.

The doctors treat all forms of disease and deformities and guarantee a cure in every case they undertake. At the first interview a thorough examination is made and if incurable you are frankly and kindly told so, also advised against spending your money for useless treatment.


Male and female weakness, catarrh and catarrhal diseases, also cancer without pain or cutting, all skin diseases, rupture and all diseases of the rectum are positively cured by their new treatment.

Dr. W. C. Reeves, the chief consulting surgeon of the institute, will be in personal charge.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. No Sunday hours.

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The doctors treat all forms of disease and deformities and guarantee a cure in every case they undertake. At the first interview a thorough examination is made and if incurable you are frankly and kindly told so, also advised against spending your money for useless treatment.

Male and female weakness, catarrh and catarrhal diseases, also cancer without pain or cutting, all skin diseases, rupture and all diseases of the rectum are positively cured by their new treatment.

Dr. W. C. Reeves, the chief consulting surgeon of the institute, will be in personal charge.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. No Sunday hours.

Pretty Teeth

Add more to your appearance than anything else—gives greater satisfaction than any other attention you can give your person. Bad teeth should not be allowed to remain so. It is too easy and too cheap to have good ones. An examination costs you nothing.

Teeth Extracted with out Pain. 25c

No charge for extracting when teeth are ordered.

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Digests what you eat.

Naturally digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastric Cramps and all other results of imperfect digestion. Price 50c. and 1.00. Large size contains 1 1/2 times as much food as the smaller size. Prepared by E. C. DAWITT & CO., Chicago.

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Your Fortune Told

Good health means good fortune. Bad health means bad fortune. Most of your ills are caused by kidney and bladder ailments. Such ailments nearly always prove fatal unless given prompt attention. Don't spend money on high-priced doctors, but cure yourself by taking

MORROW'S KID-NE-IDS

positively the greatest medical discovery of the age. They cleanse the kidneys, purify the blood, and put new blood and new life into a diseased body. The effect of even one dose is magical. Mild cases are cured in a week. Use a box or two and your pain is at an end.

These ailments are indicated by pain in the back, distress or pain in urinating, a smart or stinging urine, weakness and chilliness, loss of vitality, swollen limbs, or body or both, and sediment in the urine.

KID-NE-IDS are yellow tablets and come packed in neat wooden boxes, enough for about two weeks' treatment. All drug stores sell them for 50c a box, six boxes, \$2.50. Your druggist will tell you the truthful testimony of those who have been cured by KID-NE-IDS in your town.

Morrow's Liver-Lax causes constipation, biliousness, costiveness—they sell for 25c a box—at all drug stores. Mailed on receipt of price. Manufactured by John Morrow & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Miss George H. Dungan, 625 Deatur street says: "I had pains in my back and my head ached, and I felt tired all over. I heard Morrow's Kid-Ne-ids recommended for back ache and decided to try them. The first few doses of Kid-Ne-ids cured me of my ailment. For sale at all Drug Stores."


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The Regular and Reliable Specialist Who Has Visited Adjacent Towns Ever Month Since 1891.

Cures permanently the cases he undertakes and sends the incurable home without taking a fee from them. This is why he continues his visits year after year while other specialists have made a few visits and ceased to return.



An eminently successful specialist in all chronic diseases, proven by the many cures effected in chronic cases, which had baffled the skill of all other physical clains, will be at the

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Every case of PILES, HEMORRHOIDS, and RHEUMATISM cured without DESTRUCTION FROM BUSINESS.

Sexual Weakness and Private Diseases a Specialty

Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Stricture, Gleet, Spermatocystitis, Seminal weakness, Varicose, Hydrocele, Lost Manhood and the effects of Early Vice or Excess, producing Emaciation, Debility, Discoloration, Deafness, etc.

They are POSITIVELY CURED. No return of the trouble.

Wonderful Cures

Perfectly in old cases which have been neglected or unsatisfactorily treated. No expense incurred or failure.

He undertakes no incurable cases, but cures thousands given up to die.

Consultation Free and Confidential

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TIME OF GOOD CHEER.

Firms and Corporations Remember Their Employees With Turkey and Cash.

The Cereal Mill company remembered their employees yesterday by passing along each one of them with a fat turkey for Christmas dinner. It took 75 turkeys to go around.

The Standard Oil company did a nice thing by their employees yesterday by presenting each of them with a fat turkey and two cases of oysters each for their Christmas dinner.

The management of the Decatur cracker factory presented their employees with a turkey for Christmas yesterday.

The Shellabarger Mill company gave to each employee \$2 in cash.

The Union Iron Works remembered each employee with a turkey and a case of oysters.

The employees of the Lyon & Sons company received the same sort of a gift.

The employees of the Quibby Lumber company will eat turkey at the expense of the firm.

The married employees of the Gas company received a turkey and the unmarried men a box of cigars.

Each employee of the Decatur Traction company was given a dollar in cash.

The employees of the Mueller company had their choice of \$1 in cash or a turkey. One hundred and thirty of them said turkey.

Those employees of the American Express company who have been in the service for more than a year received \$5 in cash.

DEATH RECORD.

DIERL

Philip Dierl, aged 71 years, died at his home southwest of Elgin on Sunday, December 23. His death was due to Bright's disease. He is survived by his wife and three children. The funeral was Monday afternoon, the services being at Salem church.

BROOKS

Viola, wife of W. F. Brooks died Sunday at St. Mary's hospital where she had been receiving treatment. The remains were taken to Macon on Monday for interment.

ROSEMIER

Maria L. Rosemier died Sunday, December 23 at her home, 114 West Main street. Her death was due to asthma. She was a native of Vandell, Ill., where she was born November 10, 1821. She lived in Decatur for fourteen years. She is survived by three sons and one daughter. The funeral occurred Monday afternoon at the home of her son, John Rosemier, at 115 West Wood street. Rev. Frost Craft officiating.

A CUTTING OFFENSE.

Christmas Jag Results Seriously for Jimmy Cooper.

At 1 o'clock this morning Jimmy Cooper and Tom Kowalski staggered into police headquarters and Kowalski, bleeding from a knife wound in the breast, said: "He cut me at the corner of Water and Main street." Kowalski was bloody from the neck to his waist and appeared to be badly hurt. Both the men were reeling drunk. Cooper was searched and in his pockets were found a quart bottle of whiskey nearly full. No knife was found on either man. Cooper was looked up and Dr. Morfweather was called to dress the wound on Kowalski. It proved to be about an inch deep, having penetrated several inches above the heart.

Cooper denied the cutting. He said that he had invited Kowalski to accompany him to his home on West Main street and when near the Walsh railroad they were joined by another man who walked to the corner of Main street with them. At that place Kowalski said to Cooper, "You stuck a knife in me." Cooper is a horse jockey.

BURGULARS.

Are Disturbed in Their Work by Light Sleepers.

Sunday morning burglars operated on West Decatur street. About 3:30 o'clock the police headquarters were notified that a burglar had been seen in the residence of John Ulrich. While Captain Lawrence was at the Ulrich residence he heard a scream at the residence of Mrs. Adele Prescott on South Union street. Mrs. Prescott had been awakened by a man in her room. Her scream had the effect of frightening the thief away. The residence of Judge E. P. Vail was alerted but nothing of value was missing. The residence of A. H. Mills was entered and an overcoat carried into the yard and thrown away. The Ulrich residence was searched and the value of \$40, a set and a bottle of Hildred's razor taken from the Ulrich residence was found in the yard at Mrs. Prescott's.

Charged With Murder.

South Berwick, Me., Dec. 21.—Elijah H. Knight, a successful business man, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with the murder of Mrs. Joseph S. Knight at South Berwick last May. The crime for which Knight was arrested was disclosed by finding the mutilated body of Joseph Knight in a heap of rubbish in a barn on the Knight farm at South Berwick Junction. An attempt had been made to burn the body, but two men discovered the fire, extinguished the flames, and found the body.

Vanquish's Side.

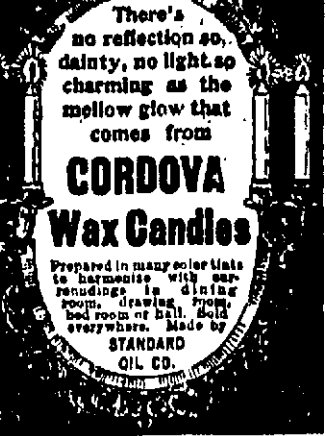
At Vandalia, Mo., the best man who has been deprived of a license to operate his truck on account of excessive use, excessive force, claims that he did not use force in making the collection of the fare and that it was the man to the Police hotel instead of dumping him out in front of a residence.

Recalled.

Invitations issued by Miss Corina Shellabarger for Thursday evening have been recalled owing to the death of her son, the late Mrs. Mary A. Shellabarger.

CORDOVA Wax Candles

There's no reflection so dainty, no light so charming as the mellow glow that comes from



CORDOVA Wax Candles

Prepared in many colors to harmonize with the interior of the home. Drawing room, parlor, library, study, bedroom, etc. Made by the STANDARD CANDLE CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

JAIL SENTENCES

Passed Upon Men and Boys Guilty of Petty Thieving.

In the circuit court Monday the most interesting proceeding was the passing of sentence on the men who had either been convicted or had entered pleas of guilty to the charge of petty larceny.

August Harris, the squatter who had camped west of the old fair grounds and earned the reputation in that neighborhood of carrying off everything movable was given the most severe penalty of all of the petty thieves. Judge Vail gave him one year in the county jail.

Others of the convicts were given jail sentences for petty stealing.

The young men who had been convicted of burglary as well as petty stealing were sentenced to the state reformatory.

A number of cases, now indictments in which the accused have not yet been arrested, were sent to the county court for trial. These for the cases appear on the docket only by number without the name of the accused. These cases are mostly for selling liquor to minors and such offenses.

The young man, Charles Rinehart, charged with being concerned in the burglary of Kyles grocery store had a hearing before a jury and last night at a late hour they had not yet returned. The sentences passed upon the prisoners were as follows:

PEOPLES.

Samuel Goodman and Charles W. Goodman, larceny. Nolle.

James Wright, burglary and petty larceny. Sentenced to nine months in county jail and pay costs.

James Sprague alias John Smith, burglary and petty larceny. Sentenced to ninety days in county jail. Some order in two cases, 180 days imprisonment in all.

Donald Martin, assault with intent to rob. Fined \$100 and costs and committed.

Harry Richardson, larceny and larceny. Plea of guilty to petty larceny. Six months in county jail. Nolle as to larceny.

Joseph Watkins, James Dally and Harry Stearns, burglary and larceny. Watkins and Dally sentenced to state reformatory. Stearns granted new trial and placed guilty to petty larceny. Fined \$1 and costs and one day in county jail. Committed till fine and costs are paid.

James Dally, Joe Watkins, grand larceny. Sentenced to state reformatory, term to begin at expiration of first sentence.

Joseph Fairchild, larceny. Sentenced to state reformatory.

Harry Richardson, burglary and petty larceny. Continued.

Harry Richardson, petty larceny. Defendant pleads guilty. Sentenced to county jail for ninety days time to begin at expiration of sentence in case 6401.

James Dally, burglary and petty larceny. Sentenced to state reformatory.

Charles Mason alias Charles Hall, grand larceny and horse stealing. Sentenced to state reformatory.

Harry Dally and Charles Maddox, burglary and petty larceny. Dally sentenced to county jail for one week; fined \$1 and to pay costs. Maddox sentenced to state reformatory.

Elmer Olin, burglary and grand larceny. Sentenced to county jail 90 days and fined \$1 and costs.

August Harris, grand larceny. Sentenced to county jail one year and fined \$1 and costs.

Louis Gillespie, petty larceny. Sentenced to county jail nine months and fined \$1 and costs.

Funeral Sunday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary A. Shellabarger was held Sunday afternoon. Two services at the family residence were conducted by Rev. J. F. Wadsworth. The interment was at Greenwood. The pallbearers were Will Lelby, W. R. Abbott, James Coop, John Olmstead, J. L. Winholtz and J. N. Randall.

He Is Needed.

According to the press telegrams from Washington, printed in Chicago papers, Decatur has been granted another letter carrier. Postmaster Osburn, however, has not yet been officially notified of that increase. For more than a year he has been striving to have the forced increase within a year one additional carrier was granted but he asked for two.

Heavy Business.

In bulk at least the retail business on Monday, December 24, 1900, holds the record. The amount of mail matter to be handled by the carriers was more than they could dispose of in the ordinary way and they used hand carts and small express wagons to get about with the loads of bundles.

Christmas in Kentucky.

London, Ky., Dec. 21.—Two men were killed and two wounded at Paris distillery, twelve miles from here, yesterday. Four members of the Blanton family on one side and Henry Barrett and M. H. Young on the other engaged in a desperate fight. Young was killed instantly, the bride of one of the girls was shot and two Blantons were fatally injured. An old fond was the object.

See Herbert Morfweather when in Decatur for whisky by the gallon. Best grade goods, lowest prices, 225 North Water.

Second Week of Our Great Sale of Travelers' Samples of PETTICOATS

These Make Very Appropriate Gifts.

Taffeta silk petticoats in cardinal and cerise, worth \$6.50, now \$3.98.

Taffeta silk petticoats in cardinal and cerise, with deep accordion flounce, worth \$8.50 now \$4.98.

Black Taffeta silk petticoats with deep accordion flounce, with ruching and dust ruffle, worth \$8.50, now \$6.50.

Black Taffeta silk petticoats with deep graduated accordion flounce, with ruching and dust ruffle, our own make worth \$13.50, \$10.50.

Black silk moreen, petticoat with deep graduated accordion flounce, with ruching and dust ruffle, our own make, worth \$8.50, now \$6.50.

Black Amisilk petticoat with deep graduated accordion flounce of silk moreen, worth \$4.25, now \$2.98.

Black Amisilk petticoat with deep accordion flounce of silk moreen, worth \$5.98, now \$3.98.

Black Amisilk petticoats with deep accordion flounce, ruching and dust ruffle, worth \$3.50, now \$1.98.

Petticoats made of black sateen, 9-inch pleated flounce, ruching and dust ruffle, \$1.75, now \$1.

Petticoats made of black leather cloth with Spanish flounce, and two ruffles worth \$1.75, now 98c.

Petticoats made of sateen or crystal silk, 12-inch pleated flounce, worth \$1.50, 85c.



Ladies' Flannel Night Gowns

Make acceptable and useful presents.

We make them in solid colors, blue or pink, or with trimming of lace at 98c each.

Silks For One Week

24-inch Silk Crepe de Chine in ten choice shades, Nile, Lavender, Light Blue, Pink, Shrimp Grey, Heliotrope, Bluet, White and Black. The quality sells everywhere at \$1.00; our sale price 73c yard.

Dress Goods Bargains

One lot Grey Camel's Hair Suitings, 56 inches wide at 59c yard.

Elegant line of Persian patterns in French flannels for ladies' waists.

Silk and wool challies just opened.

Silk dimities just arrived. Select a pattern for next spring.

Bradley Bros

Decatur, Ill.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK PRICES

Chicago, Dec. 24—
Cattle—Receipts, 9,000.
Steers 10 to 24c higher; butcher's stock 10 to 15c higher.
Hogs—Receipts, 27,000.
Opened the higher, closing market.
Heavy 100 lbs. 4.25 to 4.50
Light 100 lbs. 4.00 to 4.25
Mixed 100 lbs. 4.15 to 4.30
Sheep—Receipts 700
100 to 125 higher. \$2.25 to \$2.50
Lamb 100 to 125 higher. \$2.00 to \$2.50

AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 24—
Cattle—Receipts 10,000.
Market steady to 10c higher.
Christmas steers.....\$2.50 to \$2.75
Shipping steers.....4.50 to 4.75
Hoggers and feeders.....2.50 to 2.75
Cows and heifers.....2.00 to 2.25
Texas steers.....2.00 to 2.25
Hogs—Receipts, 30,000.
Market 5c to 10c higher.
Range, 64.75 to 65.00.

Genuine Leather

Diamond Tufted, Hand Carved frame in beautiful Golden Oak. Six feet 6 inches long, twenty-eight inches wide. Only....

\$22.50

Very massive Golden Oak, Covered with Genuine Leather, Splendid Value. A Big Line

Brass Beds,

Two-inch posts, 3 inch trimmings, 6 ft. 4 inches high, full swell foot; only

\$35.00.

A full line of fancy brass and iron beds.

BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO.

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